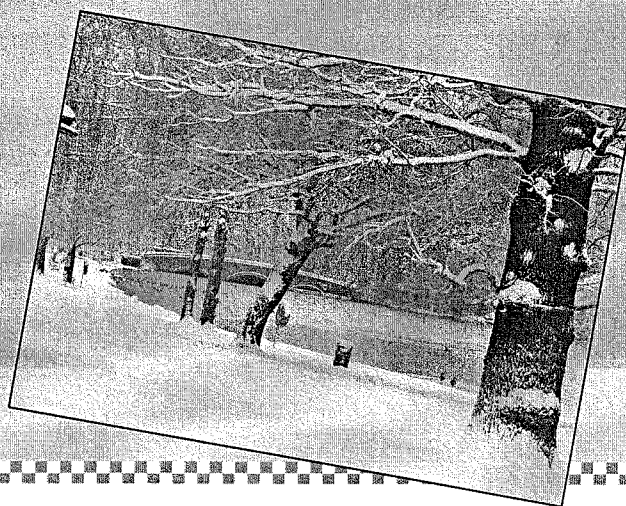


FRIENDS OF RAPHAEL & LODGE FARM PARKS

Picture of the Season

Blacks Brook Bridge and Fountain

January 2011



Coming Events

Monday
7th February
7:30 to 9pm

Friends Meeting –

A chance to meet us and find out what we do. Please show your support and join us in Raphael's Park Lodge, Main Rd, Romford.

Tuesday
8th February
10am

Litter Pick –

Come and join us for an hour or two, we meet the first Tuesday of each month at Raphael's Café. All equipment supplied.

Saturday
19th March
7pm to 11pm

Spring Quiz Night –

Location: St Michael's Church Hall, Main Road, Gidea Park RM2 5EL.
Entrance Fee: £9 per person, inc; Fish 'n' Chips supper.

Bring your own drinks (there is NO licensed bar at this venue) maximum of 10 people per table.

Please call Len on: 01708 742888

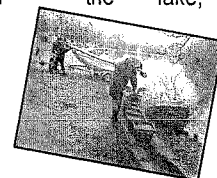
News in Brief

Heritage Lottery Stage 2 - The Application is in its final stages of completion and the 10 year Management, Conservation and Activity Plans are at their final draft and will be submitted to the Heritage Lottery's board of trustee's in February. Keep your fingers crossed the final decision will be announced this summer.

Raphael Park Family Fun Day 2010 - What a great summers day and as well as having a great time, we managed to raise a £1521.31 for our lovely park. A very big Thank you to all the volunteers who very kindly gave up their time to help and make it such a success, also a huge 'Thank You' to our donors and sponsors. We are now concentrating our efforts on our Summer Concert on the 24th July 2011, if you would like to help please contact Julia at juliaherold@forflp.org

Winter Quiz Night – We had a great night and raised as staggering £800, very well done to Len and Chris for organising. The fish and chips were delicious and the questions as challenging as ever. We look forward to our Spring Quiz on the 19th March !

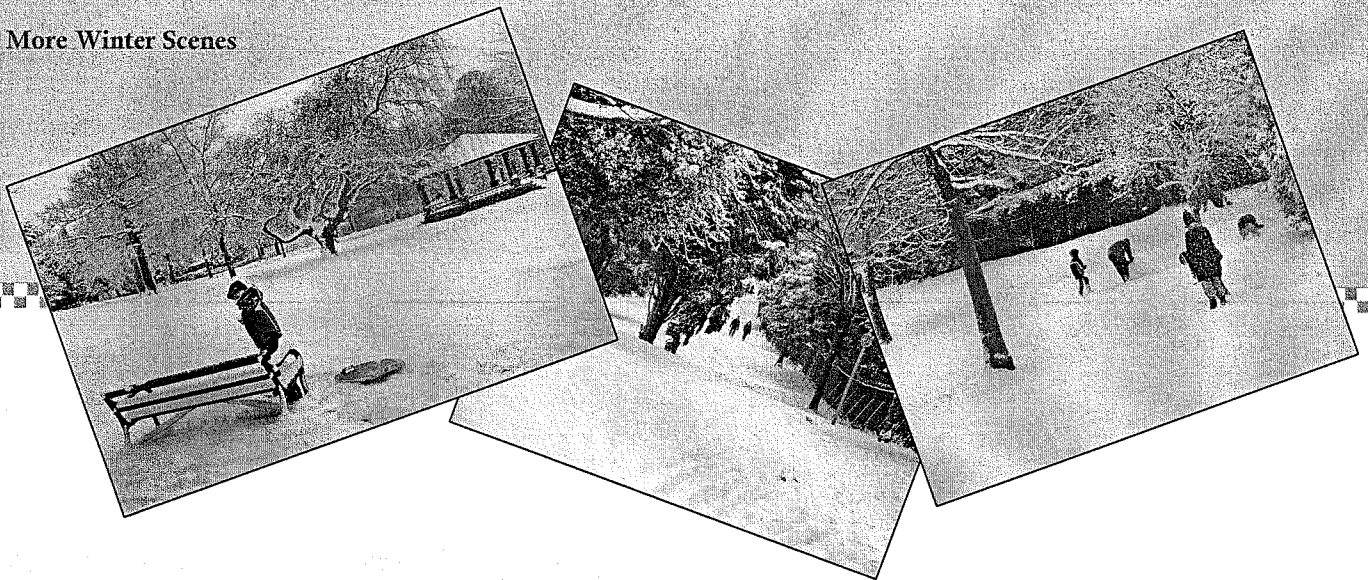
Lake Water Lilies - From some of the funds raised at the Fun Day we purchased Water Lilies for the lake. Early in January, volunteers Len, Don and parks services Kevin launched the boat and planted the containers of lilies in the middle of the lake, yes the water was cold and a bit stinky but it'll be worth while, the lilies will provide cover for young fish and may even encourage small amphibians to habituate the lake.



Friends Team Building

Can you spare as little as a day a year? We are holding a team building evening this spring. If you are interested in joining us, please call Julia; 07799 116110 or Len; 07964 485024 or email us, at info@forflp.org.uk

More Winter Scenes



PARKS PROTECTION TEAM

Officers from our new Parks Protection Team have continued to keep an eye on our park to help ensure the safety of park users and reduce disorder during the autumn and winter seasons. The picture shows one of the specialist quad patrol bikes, used to keep officers mobile, even in the extreme snowfall of December. The team went into action after the severe weather and heaviest snow for many years completely obscured the lake and main promenade walkway. To protect the public it was necessary to close off the path for a few hours as the waters edge effectively disappeared under a blanket of snow, to the danger of the pedestrians, especially those who wouldn't know the park as well as the locals. If you have any Parks Protection issues they will be glad to speak to you on 07904 805872 or by e mail at parksprotection@haverling.gov.uk.



.... and finally a short note from us, we hope you've enjoyed our Newsletter, please show your support and visit our website, register online and become a Friend of Raphael & Lodge Farm Park.
Yours Truly

Len, Julia, Don, Jo, Rich, David & Alexis

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